

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 29, 2004. This Amendment is provided within the period for reply extending to June 1, 2004, with a one-month extension.

Claims 1, 6-8, 12-13, 17, 22-23 are currently amended.

Claims 24-38 are new.

Claims 1-38 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant acknowledges the Office's statement that claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has added new claim 24 to represent incorporation of claim 20 into its corresponding independent claim 17. Claims 17 and 20 remain pending and are asserted by the applicant to be patentable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons provided below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 6-19, and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by MicroSoft Word 97 ("Word 97"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

With respect to claim 1, as amended, Word 97 does not provide a web browsing mechanism as required. Moreover, Word 97 does not provide a web browsing mechanism configured to be initiated from within an email application. Since Word 97 does not disclose each and every feature of claim 1, as amended, Word 97 does not anticipate claim 1, as amended.

With respect to claim 7, as amended, Word 97 does not disclose display of a graphical user interface having a web browsing mechanism. Moreover, Word 97 does not disclose display

of a graphical user interface having a web browsing mechanism in response to initiating an attachment selection mechanism. Since Word 97 does not disclose each and every feature of claim 7, as amended, Word 97 does not anticipate claim 7, as amended.

With respect to claim 12, as amended, Word 97 does not disclose computer code configured to initiate an attachment selection mechanism from within an e-mail application. Also, Word 97 does not disclose computer code configured to cause a computer to display a graphical user interface in response to initiation of the attachment selection mechanism. Furthermore, Word 97 does not disclose a graphical user interface having a web browsing mechanism. Since Word 97 does not disclose each and every feature of claim 12, as amended, Word 97 does not anticipate claim 12, as amended.

With respect to claim 17, as amended, Word 97 does not disclose a data structure including a web browsing component having the recited features of claim 17. Since Word 97 does not disclose each and every feature of claim 17, as amended, Word 97 does not anticipate claim 17, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits that each of independent claims 1, 7, 12, 17, 23 are patentable over the cited art of record. Also, since each of dependent claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-16, and 18-22 ultimately depend from one of independent claims 1, 7, 12, 17, and 23, each of the aforementioned dependent claims is patentable for at least the same reasons provided for its respective independent claim. Therefore, the Applicant kindly requests the Office to withdraw the rejections of claims 1-4, 6-19, and 21-23.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over MicroSoft Word 97 ("Word 97"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.


Since claim 5 inherits all of the limitations of independent claim 1 from which it depends, claim 5 is patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Therefore, the Office is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claim 5.

New Claims

Claims 24-38 have been added. The Applicant believes that each of claims 24-38 are allowable in view of the cited art of record. As previously discussed, claim 24 represents incorporation of claim 20 into its corresponding independent claim 17. Therefore, claim 24 and its dependent claims 25-28 should be allowable in accordance with the Office's previous statements. Also, similar to claim 20, new independent claim 29 includes "an attachment type selection mechanism configured to provide for selection of a form of the attachment." Therefore, claim 29 and its dependent claims 30-33 should be allowable in accordance with the Office's previous statements. Additionally, similar to claim 20, new independent claim 34 includes "selecting a form of the attachment" and "attaching the attachment to an e-mail message in accordance with the form of the attachment as selected." Therefore, claim 34 and its dependent claims 35-38 should be allowable in accordance with the Office's previous statements. The Examiner is kindly requested to consider the patentability of each of claims 24-38 individually with respect to the cited art of record.

In accordance with of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 1-38 are patentable in view of the cited art of record. Therefore, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900 x6903. If additional fees beyond those enclosed are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge to such fees Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP063). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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